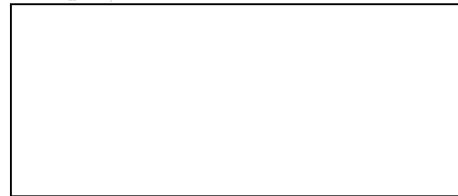




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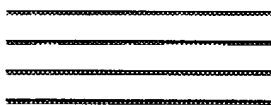
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Although the Atomic Energy Ministry has long advocated a resumption of nuclear testing, the chief of its information department recently said that Moscow is increasingly likely to accept the total ban on nuclear testing that the US proposed on 11 August. The spokesman said that the US and Russia are still negotiating technical differences but admitted that the gap is narrowing.

- Press reports indicate that some senior officials in the Russian Foreign Ministry support acceptance of the US proposal and have had differences with the Atomic Energy Ministry on the issue.

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